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Today's Weather.

Portland, Jan. 18.—Western Oregon and Western Washington—Thursday, rain.

Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington—Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain.

SUPPRESSION OF GAMBLING.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature of Oregon, making gambling a felony punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary. That it will become a law admits of no doubt, as there is not a man in the legislative assembly who would have the temerity to vote against it. The law is aimed at the suppression of gambling in every city, town and hamlet in the state, and will meet with the unqualified indorsement of the large majority of the people, and should be supported by every newspaper interested in putting an effectual check on the demoralizing vice. If gambling was only limited to members of the profession, the objection against it would not be so pronounced, but the time has come when the parents of young men demand that laws be passed by the lawmaking power to remove all temptations from the rising generation. Hundreds, yes, thousands of boys and young men have been ruined by gambling. Evidences of it are apparent in Astoria.

The only objection raised to gambling in Astoria is that it will shut off the revenues derived from the games. When it is considered that the men who pay nine-tenths of the taxes in Astoria are opposed to gambling and are willing to share the extra burdens, if any there be, is a conclusive answer to that argument. Stop gambling and you stop crime. Stop crime and the expenses of the police department will be reduced, as well as the expenses of the courts. There is only one side to the gambling question and that is the right side. The Astorian voices the sentiments of the better element of society in opposing gambling of every description.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT.

Unless the people of Astoria read eastern exchanges they have very little idea of the immense strides being made in the way of civic improvement. This is a work especially delegated to the women of the various cities and towns and through their efforts is being made a grand success. The women of Astoria are just as enthusiastic, all they need is a little encouragement from the official bodies of the city.

Mayor Surprenant is an enthusiastic believer in civic improvement but the members of the common council do not seem to take a very active interest in the matter, although it is generally conceded that when any matter looking for the betterment of the sanitary conditions of the city is presented to it, it never refuses to do what in its judgment is reasonable and just.

In an item published in yesterday morning's Astorian the ladies of Cleveland, O., were successful in removing the bill board nuisance. This is an object lesson for the common council of Astoria. Councilmen Belland and Kaboth have expressed a determination to do away with the bill board nuisance and an ordinance has been introduced in the common council to this end. It is probable that the ordinance will have to be amended so as not to interfere with the rights of individuals, but it is very evident that the common council is determined to abate the nuisance. In this they will have the support of nearly every man and woman

in Astoria, and their efforts will be seconded by the Astoria Civic Improvement League. An association has been organized in the United States known as the American Civic Association.

The association proposes to agitate constantly the improvement in appearance of cities, towns, villages, farms and roadsides, and to bring a steady and direct influence to bear so that its force may be expended in a way to secure results. While much of the improvement sought can be accomplished only by the public authorities, as for instance, improvements in the architecture of public buildings, the creation of civic centers, the acquisition of systems of parks connected by parkways, yet the association urges action by individuals looking to improvement in the architecture of individual homes, the marking of attractive backyards as well as front yards, the general location of flower-boxes at windows, particularly by contiguous householders, and the adoption of other similar ideas that are equally important. The association insists positively upon the aesthetic possibilities of railroad lines. It stands for the removal of artificial creations that destroy what there is of natural beauty, and particularly for the checking of obnoxious public advertising. It recognizes that the greatest improvement in a city can be made in the locality where there is the greatest ugliness and most disease-breeding squalor. The true beauty of a city depends on its worst locality as much as it best. The association's work has been divided into the following various departments: Women's outdoor art league, parks, arts and crafts, children's gardens, city making, outdoor art, factory betterment, libraries, public nuisances, public recreation, railroad improvement, school extension, social settlements and the press.

TO REVISE TARIFF.

Oregon is just as much affected by protection to American industries as any other state in the union. That it believes in protection is attested by the large majorities it has given for the republican party throughout whose wise statesmanship protection is only to be maintained. Nine-tenths of the republicans of Oregon are in favor of tariff revision.

One fact stands out clearly amid the maze of conflicting reports from the special correspondents at Washington. An extra session of the Fifty-ninth congress will be called by the president, possibly in the spring but more likely in October. It is considered almost impossible to enact any satisfactory legislation dealing with railway rates and rebates at the short session of the Fifty-eighth congress, and the president is determined this important question shall not be put off for another year. There can be little question that Mr. Roosevelt is right about this. If existing evils are as great as generally represented, they should be abated as quickly as possible. In any case it is for the interest of the country at large, and especially for that of the railroad companies themselves, that the vexed question should be settled during the present year. The same remark applies to the tariff agitation. The president is reported to have assured Speaker Cannon that he does not advocate a general revision in the ordinary sense of the term, but he believes the time has arrived when the tariff should be carefully scrutinized by experts, and when a few of the schedules could be modified with advantage to the manufactures and commerce of the country. This it will be remembered, was the policy of President McKinley and of Secretary of State Blaine, the two great apostles of protection. The protective principle, for which the republican party unitedly stands, is really strengthened by timely pruning, as circumstances and markets change. Indeed, the tariff should not be a question of politics at all, but one of pure business, to be determined by non-partisan experts, although the work should be done by believers in the protection of native industries, not by avowed free traders. This seems to be the president's opinion, too, for he would have the ways and means committee study the subject during the summer recess and report its conclusions to congress when the extra session convenes. It is apparently certain that a majority of the present house is opposed to any "tariff tinkering" at all just now, but the Fifty-ninth congress will contain a large number of new members, many of whom represent the growing western sentiment for a modification of some of the Dingley schedules. It is, therefore, desirable that this question

should be speedily settled, for prolonged agitation would mean serious disturbance to business. While the president will not, in any case, attempt to dictate to congress or to unduly press his views upon it, he will so word the call for an extra session as to give the house of representatives an opportunity to deal with the subject if it is so minded. It is a safe and wise conclusion, assuring the business community of continued stability for almost a year, and giving the people a chance in the meantime to express their own desires as to tariff revision.

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